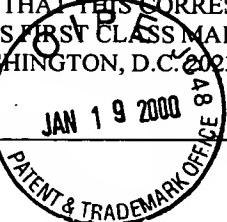


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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is in response to an Office Action mailed September 13, 1999, and is being filed within the first month after the shortened statutory period set for a response to the Office Action. A Petition for a one (1) month extension of time accompanies this Amendment. Charge any other fee associated with this response and credit any overcharge to Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (Billing No. 205887.0142).

Please amend the above-identified application as follows, without prejudice:

In the Claims:

Add new claims 8-9 as follows:

8. A system according to claim 1 wherein only a single tournament game is playable for each sequence within the at least one sequence of tournament games.

9. A method according to claim 5 wherein only a single tournament game is playable for each sequence within the at least one sequence of tournament games.--